Terminator

Tiling terminal emulator

CONCEPTS

Terminator tiles several terminals in one window. Splits live inside tabs, and every split is a separate shell.

Window one process, many windows
- **Tab** holds a split tree
  - **Terminal** one shell, own titlebar

Groups are separate from tabs: a group can span several tabs, and broadcast sends typing to the members of a group.

SPLITS AND FOCUS

Ctrl + Shift + O
Split top / bottom

Ctrl + Shift + E Split left / right

Alt + Arrows
Focus terminal in that direction

Ctrl + Shift + W Close terminal

Ctrl + Shift + X
Maximise terminal (toggle)

Ctrl + Shift + N / Ctrl + Shift + P
Focus next / previous terminal

Ctrl + Tab / Shift + Tab
Cycle terminals

Ctrl + Shift + Arrows
Resize the terminal

Ctrl + Shift + Z
Zoom terminal to larger font (toggle)

Drag › titlebar
Move terminal to another edge or tab

TABS AND WINDOWS

Ctrl + Shift + T New tab

Ctrl + PgUp / Ctrl + PgDn
Previous / next tab

Ctrl + Shift + I New window

Ctrl + Shift + Q Close window

TABS AND WINDOWS (cont.)

F11 Toggle fullscreen

GROUPS AND BROADCAST

Click › 3-box › icon
Open group menu in titlebar

Super + G Group all terminals

Super + Shift + G
Ungroup all terminals

Super + T
Group terminals in this tab

Super + Shift + T
Ungroup this tab

Ctrl + Click › titlebar
Add terminal to current group

Broadcast modes

Mode	Typing goes to
`off`	current terminal
`group`	terminals in its group
`all`	every terminal

Terminals with no group act as one group. A Super shortcut on one of them reaches all ungrouped terminals.

Check who receives input before typing destructive commands: hidden terminals still get broadcasts.

TEXT AND SCROLLBACK

Ctrl + Shift + C / Ctrl + Shift + V
Copy / paste

Ctrl + Shift + F
Search scrollback

Shift + PgUp / Shift + PgDn
Scroll a page

Ctrl + Click
Open URL or path under cursor

Ctrl + Plus / Ctrl + Minus
Zoom text in / out

Ctrl + 0 Reset text zoom

TEXT AND SCROLLBACK (cont.)

Ctrl + Shift + R Reset terminal

Ctrl + Shift + G
Reset and clear terminal

Ctrl + Alt + A Edit tab title

Ctrl + Alt + X Edit terminal title

LAYOUTS AND LAUNCHING

Alt + L Open layout launcher

Ctrl + Shift + K
Open keybindings preferences

`terminator -l <layout>`
Start with a saved layout

`terminator -e "<command>"`
Run a command in the terminal

`terminator --working-directory=<dir>`
Start in a directory

Save layouts in Preferences, Layouts: arrange, then Add. Set per-terminal commands and directories after saving, because Save later erases them.

Config lives in ~/.config/terminator/config. Back it up before hand editing.

RECIPES

Three-pane dev window

```
terminator --working-directory=$HOME/project
# Ctrl+Shift+E for editor | logs
# Ctrl+Shift+O in the right pane for tests
```

Run one command on many hosts

```
# Ctrl+Shift+E / O until you have one pane per host
# ssh to each host in its pane
# Super+G to group all, then group menu: Broadcast group
# type once, runs everywhere
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Reuse a workspace

```
# arrange tabs and splits
# Preferences > Layouts > Add, name it work
terminator -l work
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